

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claim 2-5, 11, 15, 17-19, and 72.

Applicants have cancelled claim 16 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims similar or identical to claim 16 in one or more applications claiming priority to the instant application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Y. Ying, et al., Applicants

By:



Timothy J. Over, Ph.D., Reg. No. 36,628
Tani Chen, Sc.D., Reg. No. 52,728
Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C.
600 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02210-2211
Telephone: (617) 646-8000

Docket No. M0925.70109US00
Date: July 28, 2004
x07/28/04x